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11. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth hormone secretion deficiency.

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12. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth retardation in a child comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth retardation.

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13. (Amended) A method for the treatment of metabolic disorders associated with growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the metabolic disorder.

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14. (Amended) A method for promoting wound healing, recovery from surgery or recovery from debilitating illnesses, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to promote the healing or recovery.

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Please add the following new claim:

15. (New) The compound of claim 4 in the form a salt thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 7-14, as amended, and new claim 15 are pending for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 10-14 have been amended to simply change dependency to claim 4 and Claims 10-14 to add the preamble to the main body of the claims. Claims 8-9 and 12 were each amended to correct a typographical error that occurred in the original claims. New dependent claim 15 is directed to the compound of claim 4 in the form of a salt thereof. Claim 15 is fully supported by the original specification at, for example, page 7, lines 16-19. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments, such that their entry at this time is warranted. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached as Appendix A. A clean set of the pending claims is attached hereto as Appendix B.